

REMARKS

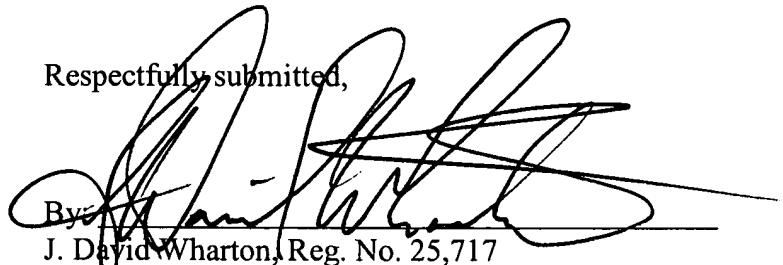
Claims 1, and 4-21 (renumbered as 1-19, respectively) were allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated December 2, 2005.

To correct a clerical error, the present amendment amends claims 14-18 by deleting the word "column" and substituting the words "expansion ring" to make these claims consistent with claim 13 from which they depend.

All of the claims having been previously allowed and with the current amendments being nonsubstantive, it is believed that these claims are now in full condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to J. David Wharton, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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